

**House File 329 - Introduced**

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BY SHIPLEY

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the possession of egg-laying hens.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 331.301, Code 2023, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 22. A county shall not adopt an ordinance,  
4 motion, resolution, or amendment, or use any other means, that  
5 establishes, intentionally or effectively, a maximum limit of  
6 egg-laying hens allowed on a property that is less than three  
7 egg-laying hens per resident of the property. This subsection  
8 does not prohibit the lessor of a property from limiting the  
9 number of egg-laying hens a lessee has on the property.

10 Sec. 2. Section 364.3, Code 2023, is amended by adding the  
11 following new subsection:

12 NEW SUBSECTION. 18. A city shall not adopt an ordinance,  
13 motion, resolution, or amendment, or use any other means, that  
14 establishes, intentionally or effectively, a maximum limit of  
15 egg-laying hens allowed on a property that is less than three  
16 egg-laying hens per resident of the property. This subsection  
17 does not prohibit the lessor of a property from limiting the  
18 number of egg-laying hens a lessee has on the property.

19 EXPLANATION

20 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
21 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

22 This bill relates to the possession of egg-laying hens. The  
23 bill prohibits a county or city from adopting an ordinance,  
24 motion, resolution, or amendment, or using any other means,  
25 that establishes, intentionally or effectively, a maximum limit  
26 of egg-laying hens allowed on a property that is less than  
27 three egg-laying hens per resident of the property. The bill  
28 does not prohibit the lessor of a property from limiting the  
29 number of egg-laying hens a lessee has on the property.